

# BRIEF RECITAL OF FACTS IN VIRGINIA-V. P. I. CONTROVERSIES

A Review of Athletic Relations Between Two Schools From 1900 Until the Eventful Game in 1905, When Blacksburg Won a Victory With a Team Against Which the University Protested, and After Which Athletic Relations Were Severed—Carolina in Same Boat.

BY GUS MALBERT.

It seems hardly possible that the University of Virginia will hold out against the wild clamor for a game between the football team representing that school and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Not only would followers of the Orange and Maroon welcome such a contest, but the alumni of the University, in Richmond, at least, is more than anxious for the game to be played, provided, of course, that Virginia sacrifices no principle in bringing it about.

Letters come to this office in almost every mail from former students of both schools asking the offices of The Times-Dispatch in bringing about the game. And invariably the reply is sent that this paper is doing all that it can. It is not a question of which team can win, nor is it yet a question of what happened in the long ago.

**Some Ancient History.**

I believe that I can picture the stand of Virginia pretty accurately. Virginia feels that in the game played in 1905 she was outraged. Carpenter was the particular man against whom Virginia protested, though there were other men on that same team who were not looked upon with favor. It is true that Carpenter said time and again that he would continue to play football until he got on a team which would win from Virginia.

The year before the game in Charlottesville, Carpenter went to Chapel Hill. He played with Carolina against Virginia, and played a remarkable game, but Carolina was defeated. Then the following year—1905—Carpenter again donned a V. P. I. uniform and played against Virginia. I was at the

game and heard all of the protests which were heaped upon the crowd. I do know that Carpenter never received any compensation from Blacksburg for playing football. He played the game for pure love of it and felt deeply what he considered his very best treatment at the hands of Virginia in previous years.

**Dates Back to 1900.**

The treatment referred to occurred in a game of football played at Charlottesville between the two teams in 1900. It was Carpenter's first year on the varsity team. He played full back and did the punting for the Blacksburg eleven. That same year the university had on the team Lloyd Bennett, and if I am not mistaken, "Big" Walker, from Alabama. No one who saw the game will dispute the fact that Blacksburg received some rough treatment. Carpenter kicked goal from the field, but it was not allowed by the referee until after Dr. Lambeth came on the field and declared that the ball had gone between the goal posts. The score, I think, was 17 to 0.

Another incident of the game was a touchdown made by Virginia. Ask any Blacksburg man to this day about that touchdown, and he will declare that the ball never went over the goal line. Then Blacksburg was sore and it rained, and I must confess, that until the victory in 1905 the cry at Blacksburg was to get a team which could lick Virginia.

**Won't Pay to Look Back.**

The team that defeated the university might have been questionable. That's another story. This is no argument concerning the relative merits of the methods of the two schools in

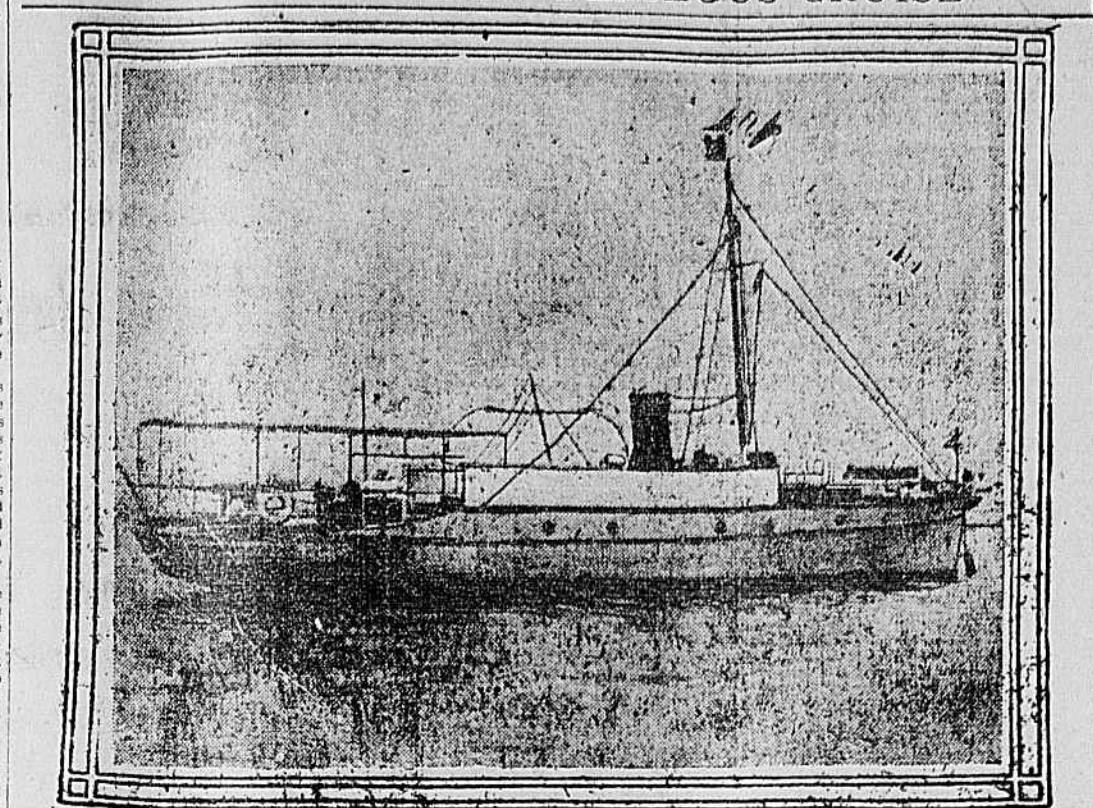
those days in securing football material. A book could be written on charges and counter-charges. Every man at the university in those days knows that this is gospel, and every man then at Blacksburg knows the same thing.

But it strikes many that Virginia is occupying a wrong attitude in the matter. A lapse of five years brings about many changes and both schools have improved in the department of athletics as the years have passed. Neither school would tolerate methods of the past, and this has been pointed out time and again. Virginia should seriously consider playing a game with Blacksburg. It is a public demand. Rub it all out and start fresh.

I note with much pleasure that the various writers throughout the State are taking up the question and are favorable to a renewal of athletic relations between the two institutions. If the college who can help will help, and will point out in a spirit of fairness why the two schools should get together then the game will be played. **Carolina in Same Boat.**

Carolina occupies practically the same position as regards V. P. I. as Virginia does toward V. P. I. It is neither right nor justifiable. The time has come when the question should be discussed without reference to what has been. I do hope that Dr. Lambeth, when he takes the question up with the proper committees, will point out the arguments and will explain plain why neither school would lose prestige or dignity should athletic relations be renewed. And Carolina can take the lesson home also.

## MOTOR-BOAT IN PERILOUS CRUISE



Five members of the crew of the Hervey arrived in New York on a liner with a thrilling story of a cruise from Norfolk, Va., to Bermuda, during which their craft was swept clear of all portable articles and its mate washed overboard by a thirty-foot comber.

### With Whist Players

Fifteen pairs were engaged in playing the "Howell" system of whist at the Richmond Whist Club Tuesday night. The boards being in play, each pair playing against every other pair with the following scores: Arthur M. Cawley with Frank S. Valentine, plus 100; David Edmund with Frank A. Spence, plus 90; Colonel John Murphy with W. P. P. plus 80; Alvin M. Lane with R. S. Elyon, plus 70; Peyton Glee with W. S. Robins, plus 60; Henry W. Wood with R. O. Meyer, plus 50; James C. Crump with John H. Carter, plus 40; Austin B. Brough with John C. Knox, minus 30; Fairlie P. Cooke with W. L. Crisp, minus 20; John P. Foy, Jr., with C. C. Chapin, minus 10; P. D. Barikade with Dr. W. E. Robinson, minus 10; George H. Jarvis with Charles T. Norman, minus 10; J. S. Mackay with F. J. D. Mackay, minus 10; Colonel Charles Wingo with Stephen Stutz, minus 10; W. McKim Marriott with Colonel M. L. Spotswood, minus 10; total, 371.

### WILL SEEK ACCOUNTING.

Campbell Supervisors to Take Up Matter of Interest on Funds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Lynchburg, Va., December 21.—An effort is to be made at the next meeting of the Campbell county supervisors to secure an accounting with John W. Clay, for ten years county treasurer, for the purpose of ascertaining how much money he appropriated during his term to his personal accounts on great arising from daily balances on county funds on deposit in banks. It is thought it will be more than \$5,000. Recently a court decision held that R. W. Callahan, the present treasurer, did not have the right to take this money, but that it must be added to the fund and he was ordered to restore \$600, one year's interest.

It has always been the custom in Campbell county for treasurers to do this, and since the decision the county school authorities have asked the State Superintendent to enjoin that an investigation would show that the State school funds have lost thousands of dollars by this practice.

### SPITZER ACQUITTED

Automobile Man Acted as His Own Lawyer in Hustings Court.

Acting as his own lawyer in the Hustings Court, a decision in the case of Spitzer, who had appealed from a decision in the Police Court, was acquitted in the Hustings Court yesterday of the charge of obstructing Eighth and Broad Streets with automobiles.

Spitzer denied that the street was blocked by his machines, and his contention was taken in good faith by the jury. The verdict was a complete acquittal, showing that he may have had his automobiles in the same place in which they have heretofore been parked, and the charge of obstructing Eighth and Broad Streets with automobiles.

**Athletics on Way to Philadelphia.**

Tampa, Fla., December 21.—The world's champions, the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team, passed through Tampa to-night en route home from Havana, where they played a series of games with the Cuban team of the Havana League. All of the players are in good health and high spirits. The champions won a majority of the games played with the Cubans.

### Four Fire Alarms.

Four alarms of fire were given in yesterday afternoon, two of them being still alarms. The first came from Venable and Mosby streets, but the fire was soon extinguished, with little damage resulting. The second came from Fifteenth and Franklin streets, but the fire was quickly put out. The third came from Third and Leigh streets, and the fourth from Third and Eighth streets. No serious damage resulted in any case.

### Discreet Silence in Norfolk.

They are manifesting what is called in diplomatic circles a "discreet silence" in Norfolk. Not one word comes from Tarzan as to what attitude the owners of the Virginia League will take when W. B. and President Williams arrive next week to talk it over. It is a surprising confession to say that the local owners look with favor upon any plan which will, in a sportsmanlike manner, get Portsmouth in the league. It is the only way in which it looks from his angle that it would be unfair to try and force Lynchburg out of the league. I should feel heartily sorry if the Lynchburg owners were to refuse to offer to sell. It is my firm belief that the people of that town want baseball, and they want it in the Virginia League. From past indications they have no idea of getting out. And it is a clinch that if they don't want to get out, they will be shoved out.

### Creed Should Be Settled.

The question of creed is the one harassing the baseball world. Everybody will be satisfied when this subject is finally settled. The sooner it is done the better. Enough has already been written about Norfolk. I don't believe there is a single soul in the State of Virginia out of the people of Norfolk who is not in sympathy for the seaside city, and I question very much whether the good people of Norfolk are in sympathy with the stand taken by the owners of the franchise.

Both W. B. and President Williams will hold a conference and will inform Connolly and his associates that the Norfolk franchise constitutes only one-sixth of the Virginia League and has but one vote in the meeting, and that baseball is going to be played in Norfolk next season. It may be that Connolly will see the light. Let's hope that it happens soon.

## HONORS OF FIGHT GO TO LANGDON

Although Outweighed, He Proves Far Superior to Pal Moore.

Philadelphia, Pa., December 21.—Tommy Langdon and Pal Moore, both of this city, fought a fast six-round bout before the National Athletic Club to-night, and the honors were all Langdon's.

The latter, though outweighed by about five pounds, kept Moore's head rocking from the first to the last round, and it was only the lack of strength that kept Moore from going into dreamland.

In the second round Moore dropped Langdon with a right swing to the jaw, but the latter was up in three seconds, and fought Moore so viciously that he had the advantage of the round.

The third round was even, but in the fourth Langdon landed time and again with great effect. Langdon brought the blood from Moore's mouth in opening round, and had his lips badly swollen at the end of the fight.

From the beginning to the end of the fight Moore tried constantly to bore in on his clever opponent, but Langdon would drive his long left in Pal's face and prevent Moore from getting close enough to do any damage. Langdon brought the blood from Moore's mouth in opening round, and had his lips badly swollen at the end of the fight.

**Locke-Hart.**

Winchester, Va., December 21.—James Howard Locke, of Pittsford, Pa., and Miss Mary Elizabeth Hart, daughter of John D. Hart, were married by Rev. Julian Broadbent, of the Baptist Church, at the home of the bride's parents in Berryville last night. A large reception followed the ceremony.

## ROOSEVELT OWES SOUTHERN \$75,000

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ing this case, I cannot bring myself to agree with the majority of the subcommittee that their votes are free from taint or corruption. These three votes added to the four confessedly bribed, would make seven tainted votes. If the subcommittee, in the vote received by Senator Lorimer was less than a majority of the votes as cast.

"As stated above, it was with hesitancy and great reluctance that I differed with my colleagues upon the subcommittee, but I have felt impelled to do so, and I have felt that I must stand alone in the views herein expressed. I make no recommendation to the committee, but I do ask that the members of the committee, in their report, should carefully and fully read all the testimony before forming an opinion."

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## Fact-Carter.

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Richmond, Va., December 21.—Arranging their plans without letting any one into the secret, Miss Anna B. Carter, member of an old Clarke county family, and Joseph M. Fart, of Culpeper county, went to Washington, where they were married by Rev. H. S. Pinkham.

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## Shafts From Sportland

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Heard a man remark yesterday: "December, January and February and the winter is gone." As every word of this is gospel there is no room for argument, but it is an awful gap in between. There are indeed the melancholy days from a baseball standpoint, at any rate.

Count that day lost, whose final curtain runs this time no new player appears.

Sullivan is acting most Celtic in his endeavor to secure the right sort of men for the local team. Anybody who will bring better weather for ball players is a real enthusiast.

If the youngster, whose name was unfortunately left out of the letter, is the man he is said to be, then he will be mighty handy indeed to have around the lot.

Get a letter from Ralph Mottis yesterday. He is in good shape, working hard and expects to be a star in the league next season. He writes from Mansa, in Delaware county, Pennsylvania. Sent his picture along, too.

With you would have felt that letter which Owner Bradley sent to Sullivan yesterday. It was so thick and heavy that I'll bet the new manager thinks it's a present from home.

And remember that the time is drawing near when the Norfolk conference will be held. Talk about not little affairs at Portsmouth, N. H., who never have I read anything so many possibilities as the Norfolk conference between Bradley, Williams and the Norfolk interests.

Of course, Connolly's name doesn't appear in the articles of incorporation, but would like to bet some of the Norfolk clubs which I am sure to receive that he will be in on the play when it comes to doing things.

Well, the old wassail bowl will flow again this year, and I can't help but say that only have the drops. He was undoubtedly the gamest, squardest boy that ever stepped into a ring. He never threw a fight, never double crossed anybody, but stood up to his medicine all of the time. Which should be some consolation to him.

Some of those folks in Roanoke who write me get easily misled. I saw one of those folks yesterday, for surely no one can write the various opinions I read. Now comes the assertion that he has advocated an eight-club league. Well, it may be that some of the things I write are not quite understandable, but I never have I read anything which I am sure to receive that he will be in on the play when it comes to doing things.

These I am mistaken the first suggestion of this sort came out of my mouth. The fact was taken up by the western clubs of the league and I, for one, suggested to them that they were furnishing the noise with which to haze themselves by advocating any such plan.

Right you are, though, about the circuit already having been determined upon. That was decided at the meeting held last fall. The only trouble about the assertion now is that I beat you to it.

But the Roanoke News points out some mighty pithy argument as to the relative merits of the western and eastern clubs. If the facts are as stated, Norfolk has nothing coming from either Roanoke or Lynchburg.

It is said that